

Thomas Hooper Roten House  
Salisbury  
Private

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Thomas Hooper Roten (1806-1883) is listed as a 440-year old "sailor" in the 1850 U. S. Census for Somerset County, and his wife at the time, Margaret Roten, aged 45, (1805-1866) is the only other member of the household. Ten years later, in the 1860 U. S. Census, Thomas Hooper Roten was identified as a 54-year old "merchant" with real estate and personal property totaling \$6,500. At the time a 20 year-old son, George, resided there as well.

Following Thomas Hooper Roten's death in 1883, his will directed that "all my property of every description" pass to his second wife, Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen Roten married John S. Dashiell following her husband's death, and the Dashiells sold the Camden house and lot to the Camden Improvement Company.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-484

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Hooper Roten House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 413 Camden Court

not for publication

city, town Salisbury

vicinity

county Wicomico

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph T. Callis

street and number P. O. Box 3115

telephone

city, town Salisbury

state MD

zip code 21801

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map 111, P. 1513

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 1059

folio 664

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☒ **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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### 7. Description

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#### Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
<u>x</u>	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thomas Hooper Roten house stands at 413 Camden Court in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, five-bay/single-pile frame dwelling faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1839, the two-story, five-bay, center hall frame dwelling formerly stood along Camden Avenue in the location of the rowhouse block that fronts the street. In 1913 the Camden Improvement Company relocated this dwelling to its current location on a separate lot. Supported on a stretcher bond brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, the frame house is uniformly sheathed with asbestos shingles, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a single-story kitchen wing.

The east (main) elevation is a slightly asymmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows trimmed with narrow beaded edge surrounds. The center entrance is framed by a Greek Revival corner block surround, which incorporates a four-pane transom. Several of the window openings have replacement single-pane sash or are boarded over. The center three bays are sheltered by a single story shed roofed porch supported by chamfered posts. The second floor is defined by a slightly asymmetrical fenestration of six-over-six sash windows. Trimming the base of the roof is a boxed cornice enhanced with period bed and crown moldings.

The gable end walls are defined by pairs of six-over-six sash windows to either side of an interior end brick stove chimney. The attic is lighted by small two-over-two sash windows. Trimming the edge of the roof is a beaded edge bargeboard.

The west (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by a single-story kitchen wing, which extends to the north with an enclosed shed roofed addition. A single-flue brick stack rises through the gable end. The rear wall of the main block is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration of six-over-six sash windows.

The interior has been divided into multiple apartments.

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### 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register

☐ Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Somerset County Land Record, LH 111, 20 November 1838.

<sup>2</sup> Somerset County Land Record, LH 225, 30 July 1839.

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Following Thomas Hooper Roten's death in 1883, his will directed that "all my property of every description" pass to his second wife, Mary Ellen.<sup>5</sup> Mary Ellen Roten married John M. Dashiell, and the couple sold the house and lot in November 1911 to William P. Woolston, who the following year transferred the property to the Camden Improvement Company.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Somerset County, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden, p. 253.

<sup>4</sup> Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Somerset County, transcribed by John C. Barnes. p. 317.

<sup>5</sup> Wicomico County Will Book, ELW 1/60, written 4 September 1876, proved 1 February 1883.

<sup>6</sup> Wicomico County Land Records, EAT 1 November 1911, and EAT 81/464, 31 December 1912.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed 1/4 acre

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic boundary of the property is coincidental with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 9/19/2000

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

phone 410-651-1094

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7600

## Map 111, Parcel 1513

## Paschoalina Callis

11/9/1984

Joseph T. Callis  
P. O. Box 3115  
Salisbury, Maryland 21802

AJS 914/475

Joseph T. Callis

12/22/1978

Joseph T. Callis  
Pascholina Potter  
Item One

AJS 843/455

Edith I. Taylor

9/19/1975

Joseph T. Callis

JWTS 406/86

Walter M. Bulter, Sr. et al.

3/20/1956

William E. Taylor  
Edith I. Taylor

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413 Camden Court  
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Chain of title continued

JWTS 336/136

William J. Willing  
Elsie B. Willing

to

10/30/1951

Walter M. Butler, Sr.  
Lillie Mae Butler, Undivided ½ interest and

Walter M. Butler, Jr.  
Lenora Mae Butler, Undivided ½ interest

JWTS 322/381

Roy F. Reno and wife, Annie Bell Reno

to

10/5/1950

William J. Willing

JWTS 315/573

James H. English, Jr.  
Sallie K. English

to

2/6/1950

Roy F. Reno

JWTS 301/440

Eulalie A. Pardee

to

7/17/1948

James H. English, Jr.  
Sallie K. English  
(the said Edgar Allen Pardee having predeceased his wife and the  
said May Witmer Pardee having devised the property unto  
Eulalie A. Pardee, by L. W. and T., MNN 1/319, 10/21/1931)



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Chain of title continued

JCK 109/420                      Flossie D. Hearne, single woman  
   L. Claude Hearne, single man

to

11/9/1918                      Samuel P. Woodcock  
   Assumption of mortgage, \$1,000    mentions "Phillips Alley"

JCK 103/131                      The Camden Improvement Company and the Salisbury  
   Building, Loan & Banking Association

to

12/9/1916                      Flossie D. Hearne  
   L. Claude Hearne

EAT 81/464                      William P. Woolston

to

12/31/1912                      The Camden Improvement Company  
   \$6,000

EAT 77/29                      Mary E. Dashiell  
   John M. Dashiell

to

11/1/1911                      William P. Woolston  
   \$4,000

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Will Book  
ELW 1/60

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Hooper Roten

to wife, Mary Ellen Roten

Written  
9/4/1876  
Proved  
2/1/1883

“all my property of every description”

SPT 1 / 2

Samuel T. Williams  
Annie C. Williams

to

1 / 2 /1874

Mary E. Roten, wife of Thomas H. Roten  
\$700 “...west side of Main Street running through that part of  
the Town of Salisbury called Camden and on the south  
side of a private alley belonging to the said Thomas H.  
Roten...”

Somerset County  
Land Record  
LH 225

Levin G. Irving  
Mary O. Irving

to

7/30/1839

Thomas H. Roten  
\$75.00 ...being in Somerset County in the Vilage (sic) of  
Camden which said lot of ground...is adjoining the lot of ground  
now owned by Wesley Roten, and fronts on Chestnut Street  
one hundred feet and containing of the same bredth (sic),  
parallel with the said Roten's lot to the crippeles (sic)

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Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Somerset County, transcribed by John C. Barnes,  
p. 317

Thomas H. Wroten (sic)	54, M, Merchant, Value of Real Estate, \$3,500, Per. Prop. \$3,000
Margaret Wroten	55, F
George Wroten	20, M

Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Somerset County, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden,  
p. 253

Thomas H. Wroten (sic)	44, Sailor (1806-1883)
Margaret Wroten	45, (1805-1866)

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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle, 1942



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Tyrannus tyrannus (Linn.) - 1000

Salicetum, Michigan, U.S.A.

Plumage: immature

all over, plum. Tyrannus tyrannus - 1

1000 / 1000 5000

1 or 4



W-490

Thomas Morris Rouse House  
Savannah, Georgia 31402  
Houma 4-1250

9/22/00, Paul T. Rouse, Jr.  
NEA / Mrs. Rouse -  
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WT-464

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Location: 1000 ft. N. of  
Northwest corner of

9/2000, Paul T. Tamm, Jr. (1900-1970)  
1150, 1st - 5th

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Thomas Thomas Jones  
SARISBURY, Wiltshire, England  
ENTRANCE REPORT

6/2001, John Thomas Jones

NEE / MS S1150

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